



**REPORT of  
DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE**

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**to  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
20 JANUARY 2022**

**SCRUTINY WORKPLAN ITEM - PROPOSED CONVERSION OF SEATING SHELTER AT  
PROMENADE PARK MALDON INTO A SERVICE KIOSK**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To receive and consider information in response to the agreed scrutiny questions to be addressed in relation to this Workplan item.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the responses to the specific scrutiny questions to be addressed provide sufficient assurance and understanding of the background to this matter so as to enable the Committee to conclude its work on this item.

**3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Committee on 14 October 2021 (Minute 337 refers) it was agreed to add this item to the Scrutiny Workplan. The item, originally requested by Councillor K Lagan, sought to scrutinise the decision-making process in relation to this proposal. The Committee endorsed the scoping undertaken by its Working Group and agreed a range of questions to be addressed. A comprehensive report on this item and the questions to be addressed is at **APPENDIX A**.
- 3.2 It has not been asserted that Officers did not have the necessary powers to act or exceeded them. The report explains how the available powers were used and the process followed, which included engagement with Members. In response to the concerns expressed around the transparency of decisions made/actions taken under delegated powers, it is acknowledged that more can be done and to that end internal arrangements are being developed for the improved recording and quarterly publication of such decisions via the Council's website.

**4. CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The scrutiny questions previously agreed by the Committee have been addressed, and the responses provide the Committee with the required assurance that the proper processes were followed. In relation to the need for improved transparency of delegated decisions/actions, this is already in the course of being implemented.

## 5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 Robust overview and scrutiny work and learning from what comes out of it contributes to the performance and value theme of the Corporate Plan.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – The decision/action the subject of scrutiny was intended to be of benefit to the public.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – None
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – The decision/action the subject of scrutiny was intended to be provide financial benefit to the Council.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – The decision/action the subject of scrutiny was intended to provide an improved facility.
- (vii) **Impact on Strengthening Communities** – None

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